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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the application filed herewith, please make the following amendment:

<u>In the Specification, page 1</u>, please add prior to the first sentence the following:

This application is a continuation of serial number 09/670,198, filed September 25, 2000.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 38 to read:

38. An embryo or transgenic embryo derived from the cells of claim 36.

Please add claims 40 and 41 as follows:

40. An embryo or transgenic embryo derived from the cells of claim 37.

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